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SUBJECT: FRENCH SALE OF TUNA VESSELS TO SOVIETS

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF AN ARTICLE IN LE MARIN, OCTOBER 3, 1975, WHICH REPORTED THE FRENCH SALE OF TWENTY 52-METER TUNA SEINERS TO THE SOVIET UNION. FRENCH COMPANY WAS CASACRUZ AND SALE PRICE WAS REPORTED TO BE 90 MILLION US DOLLARS. THE DEAL WAS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED DURING THE AUGUST 75 INRYBPROM FISHERIES EXHIBITION IN LENINGRAD. REPEATED INFORMAL, PERSONAL INQUIRIES WITH THE SOVIET FISHERIES MINISTRY OFFICIALS ABOUT THE GENERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT OF USSR TUNA FISHERIES ELICIT THE SAME

RESPONSE: WE DO NOT INTEND TO BEGIN A MAJOR TUNA FISHERY, THE VESSELS WE HAVE ARE NOT VERY PRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER, ANOTHER SECTOR IN THE MINISTRY, DEALING WITH FISHERY EXPORTS, IS APPARENTLY PRESSING FOR TUNA LANDINGS FOR EXPORTS.

2. FOR PARIS: THE NEWS STORY CLAIMED THAT THE CONTRACT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SIGNED IN NOVEMBER 1975. CAN THIS BE CONFIRMED? ANY DETAILS ARE WELCOME.

3. FOR MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD: IF THE OCCASION PRESENTS ITSELF, A CONFIRMATION OF WHATEVER THE EMBASSY IN PARIS MAY REPORT, WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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